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REV. JAMES L. MYERS

Myers Installed At Birmingham First

The Rev. James L. Myers was installed by the Alabama-Tennessee Association as pastor and teacher of First Congregational Church, UCC, in Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday, October 7, 1979.

A graduate of Allen University and Gammon Theological Seminary, Rev. Myers was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church from which he transferred his ministerial standing to the United Church of Christ. Following a 16 year pastorate at Nichols Temple, A.M.E. during which time he also served as Dean of Theology of Daniel Payne College, also in Birmingham. Rev. Myers was elected as President of Daniel Payne College. His call to First Congregational Church, UCC followed a period of service as Interim Minister of the church.

Nearly 250 persons overflowed the sanctuary to witness and celebrate Rev. Myers' installation. The service was highlighted by the preaching of Rev. Homer McEwen, Pastor Emeritus of First Congregational Church, UCC in Atlanta, and the music was a joint choir, consisting of members from First and Pilgrim Congregational UCC, also in Birmingham.

Rev. Myers resides in Birmingham with his wife, the former Sarah Shropshire. The Myers have five children.

LIVE, WORK, GIVE:

November 11th, this year, will be observed as Stewardship Sunday by many congregations of the United Church of Christ. In many of these congregations, the theme of the day will be the phrase: "Till Christ Shall Dwell in Human Hearts: Live, Work, Give." This reminder of our task will be the subject of sermons, of small-group discussions, and of personal conversations. All across our land, we members of the United Church of Christ will be challenged to make a new commitment to support the life and work of the church.

In these days of ever-increasing inflation, it is more important than ever for every member of the United Church to consider the question: How Much Shall I Give?

As one of the leaflets outlining this year's stewardship theme explains: The money that we give for the church's ministries becomes an extension of ourselves to go where we cannot ourselves go, to be a part of God's mission of grace, in the community, in the nation, and in the world. Remember: Till Christ Shall Dwell in Human Hearts, we Christians are called to "live, work, and give!"

Cambodian Relief Draws Emergency Appeal

Church World Service, an ecumenical disaster relief organization which is supported by the United Church Board for World Ministries, has issued an emergency appeal from participating denominations for \$5,000,000 for disaster relief for the people of Cambodia.

Up-to-date reports from reliable sources estimate that 2.5 million Cambodian people may die of starvation in the next six months; that 80% of the children in Cambodia are suffering from severe malnutrition; that only 5-10% of rice paddies are under cultivation due to war-time disruption; and that nearly all

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The Christmas Fund

For The VETERANS OF THE CROSS And The EMERGENCY FUND



Christmas Fund: Saying Thanks

How do you say "thanks" to the many ministers and spouses now retired who have given so many years of their lives in service to others? One way they will greatly appreciate is through your support of The Christmas Fund, an all-church offering of the United Church of Christ suggested for celebration in December of each year.

Proceeds from The Christmas Fund help retired ministers and spouses in three different ways. Not only are Christmas Fund checks sent in the name of the Church to Conference-nominated retirees in need, but proceeds also help improve retirement benefits for qualified ministers on low pensions. Finally, the Christmas Fund provides practical help to the families of active ministers who have been hurt by illness, accident, or other tragedy beyond their own resources.

Christmas Fund materials, including folders and free offering envelopes have automatically been sent to all churches. The suggested date for promoting and receiving The Christmas Fund is in the month of December.

Why not plan to say "thanks" to retired — as well as active — ministers and their families by making a generous contribution to The Christmas Fund!



Phemie Young, Chattanooga Pilgrim UCC, leads a discussion group at the Southern UCC Women's Meeting.

Ga-SC Association Welcomes Button Gwinnett UCC

Button Gwinnett UCC, located in Lilburn, GA, was officially accepted and welcomed as a member church in the Georgia-South Carolina Association at that Association's Annual Meeting held at First Church, Savannah, on October 26-27, 1979. The first of a projected five new church starts in the Southeast Conference, Button Gwinnett UCC is pastored by the Rev. George Bennett.

In other action, the Association received Southwestern (Atlanta) Congregational Church into fellowship and recognized the Rev. Ira Chase, the newly arrived pastor of the Cobb County, (Atlanta) Fellowship, the Conference's second new church start.

Youth Core Is At Work!

The Southeast Conference Youth Core, composed of some 30 young people scattered across the Conference who are specially trained for leadership and youth group development, are hard at work! Most recently, a team of three Youth Core teenagers — Dwight Kelley, Annette Gray and Randal Hand — and an adult advisor — Trudi Sanford — visited with two local youth groups at First UCC in Montgomery, AL. The Youth Core members provided leadership around the theme of *Teens as Stewards* as well as helping the local youth groups to identify their members' needs in relation to further programming.

You may invite a Youth Core Team to visit your church by writing to Mrs. Trudi Sanford in care of the Southeast Conference.

Youth Core training events for 1980 will be discussed at a planning meeting the first of December in Atlanta.

Southern Regional UCC Women Meet

The First Southern Regional Meeting of the United Church of Christ was held at Bethany Hills Camp and Training Center at Kingston Springs, Tennessee, October 11-13, 1979. Attending were some 120 UCC women from the four southern conferences, Florida, South Central, Southeast, and Southern, who came together to learn new skills in leadership and service, share the faith, learn about social issues and women's concerns, experience the joys and concerns of the conferences of the region, worship and celebrate. The theme of the gathering was "Women in Community."

The leaders included women theologians, national UCC women staff, and a number of UCC women from the region. Dr. Barbara Zikmund, Asst. Professor of Church History and Director of Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, led in Bible Study and worship and Rev. Mary-Lynn Ogletree, Chaplain at Vanderbilt University, in worship, Sarah Bentley, a graduate student at Union Theological Seminary, used body movement as a way of exploring scripture and community building; Gretchen Eick, Associate, UCC Office for Church and Society, Washington, D.C., involved the group using profiles of courage and witness of Third World Women; Rev. Joyce Myers, Associate, Southern Region, UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, led in community building and the closing communion; Marilyn Breitling, Associate, UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, shared national UCC issues and plans.

There are numerous workshops, sharing in small groups, role playing, singing, and finally meeting in conferences to plan for action back home. The meeting closed with celebration and communion.

The mood of the entire meeting was enthusiastic, full of love and concern for others, creating community, sharing, worshipping.

Participants left Bethany Hills renewed and inspired with new confidence and new skills to go forth in love and service as women of faith.

The event was hosted by a committee of women from the three UCC churches in Nashville: Howard Congregational, First E&R and Brookmeade Congregational UCC. Bethany Hills Camp is the regional camping facility of the Christian Church (Disciples) in Tennessee.



Participants traveled great distances to attend the Southern UCC Women's Meeting — like Augusta Petty from Savannah, GA, First Church.

Churches Must Comply With Energy Rules

Both the sanctuary and educational buildings of churches are covered by the new administrative rules on heating and cooling in public buildings, according to the Department of Energy. The rules, which went into effect on July 16, provide that a public building may not be cooled below 78 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and may not be heated above 65 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter. The rules also provide that during the time that a building is to be unoccupied for a period of eight hours or more, the heating system must not be operated unless the outside temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

The cooling system must not be operated at all. Failure to comply could lead to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Any person who willfully violates the rules may be subject to criminal penalties of up to \$10,000 for each violation.

Cambodia Contd.

transportation, communication and educational systems are virtually absent. Since there are presently only 55 medical doctors for the entire country, medical help is almost non-existent.

In response, Church World Service, through the support of the UCBWM and equivalent agencies in other denominations, has sent — as of October 28 — some \$225,000 in food and medical supplies. But far greater help is needed. While other international agencies are concentrating on emergency food and medical relief, Church World Service is proposing a longer term program of relief focusing on supplementary nutritional needs and public health.

Contributions may be forwarded to the Southeast Conference Office, itemized for Cambodian Relief. They will be forwarded directly to Church World Service through UCBWM.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES — 1979

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Key To Symbols

These resources are available to the Churches in our Conference free of charge. Make your request several weeks in advance, giving the expected use date and alternate choices. Return same immediately after use post paid.

Please handle all resources carefully using only equipment that is in good repair. Check carefully to be sure all script-guides are returned also. Be sure to preview all resources before showing.

A — Adults
C — Cassette
F — Frames
J — Junior
JH — Junior High
K — Kindergarten
M — Minutes
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All filmstrips are in color and films except those indicated by (B&W).

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YOUTH AND THE BIBLE Teacher training

Funerals Observed

A long time Tallassee, AL, business and civic leader, G. Felix Logan, died September 22, 1979 at the age of 73. After retiring several years ago from the Skinner Furniture Company, he and his wife, Jettie were the moving forces behind Tallassee's well known "65 Plus Club" and both traveled extensively with the club on its many trips around the United States. He was a moderator of the East Tallassee Congregational Christian UCC. His wife is the moderator of the Central Alabama Association.

Services were observed on October 27, 1979 for Mr. Dellie Shores of Eclectic, AL. Mr. Shores had been a Deacon for over 25 years at Watson's Chapel in Eclectic.

Ms. Alice Adshead died on October 24 at Wharton Nursing Home, Pleasant Hill, TN. Born in Gateshead, England, in 1888, Alice Adshead came to North Carolina to be a welfare nurse serving employees of a cotton mill. There in 1921 Dr. May Cravath Wharton observed her work and invited her to come to Pleasant Hill to be the nurse in a tiny sanatorium Dr. Wharton was starting. Accepting the offer, Ms. Adshead assisted Dr. Wharton in the beginnings of what became later the Cumberland Medical Center. During those years, Adsie (as she was lovingly called) wielded a wide benevolent influence, which she continued until shortly before her death. She will be remembered at a Memorial Service at Pleasant Hill Community UCC on November 4th.

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Mark Frey and Rev. Randy Gehres of the Morgan-Scott Project looking over the foundation of a new Habitat-for-Humanity home.

Morgan-Scott Project Shares Needs

The Morgan-Scott Project, an ecumenical ministry in Morgan and Scott Counties, Tennessee, is continuing its work with the people of the two poorest counties in the Appalachian region, but it continues to need your sustaining support. Specifically, your help as individuals or as churches is needed for the following projects:

—Habitat for Humanity, which builds low cost homes for families that could otherwise never afford to own a home, is at work on construction of its second and third homes in Morgan and Scott Counties. The first home, belonging to John and Mary Hawn, was completed this summer. The foundation of the second home, to be owned by the Danny McCann family, is completed, but further funds are needed to put the roof on the house by Christmas.

—The Christmas Store, an annual Morgan-Scott Project ministry, provides toys and articles of clothing for families that could otherwise provide no gifts for their children on Christmas. Recipient families are carefully selected according to need and given an appointment to pick out a toy and article of clothing per child for which they make payment, usually by IOU (most of which are usually paid), at greatly reduced prices. In addition to toys this year, blankets and children's blankets are greatly needed.

—The Plateau Home School, which helps children with learning disabilities, needs labels from Campbell's Soups, Franco-American or V-8 juice products.

For further information write: Mr. Mark Frey, Robbins, TN 37852.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Circular Church, Charleston, SC

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, from the Gulf of Mexico to the mountains of Tennessee, the Southeast Conference covers a broad expanse of territory. Contained within her boundaries are some 120 churches — widely dispersed — widely diverse in heritage and religious expression — and yet united in the conviction that the churches of Jesus Christ "may all be one."

The oldest church in the Conference is Circular Congregational Church, UCC and UPCUSA in Charleston, S.C. which was organized in 1681. Originally called the Independent Church of Charles Towne, one of the church's earliest ministers was John Cotton, son of the famous Boston Puritan minister. Known for its support of religious freedom, the church worked hard during the Revolutionary War for independence in South Carolina and, in 1778, even loaned the struggling state a large sum of money!

In 1806 a new sanctuary, large enough to accommodate 2000 worshippers, was constructed and was circular in design — from which the church received its present name. The first Sunday School in South Carolina was organized at the church in 1816 and by 1836 blacks were members of the church. Black membership increased until, in 1867, 117 black members asked to be dismissed to form Plymouth Congregational Church, the only black Congregational Church in South Carolina.

Destroyed in the great Charleston fire of 1861, Circular Church gradually rebuilt new facilities. In addition to being part of the UCC, the church chose to also affiliate with the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in 1968.

From its early support for independence to full enfranchisement of women in the church in 1908, Circular Church has demonstrated again and again its progressive influence. Today the church sponsors a fully accredited Marriage and Family Counseling Center, a Hospice, a Family Education Center and a Chamber Music Series. For the past several years, the church has followed a "tent-making" model of ministry. The 160 member congregation carries most of the responsibilities of ministry under the part-time leadership of Rev. Albert Keller, Jr.



Youth responding to the program at the Ala-Tenn Association Annual Meeting.

ALA-TENN MEETING FOCUSES ON YOUTH

"Understanding Youth Today" was the theme of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Tennessee Association, held September 14 and 15 at Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, in Chattanooga, TN.

In addition to regular Association business, the 112 delegates, youth, ministers and visitors were treated to an excellent program which focused on understanding today's youth, their problems, their needs and their aspirations.

The program was initiated by a Keynote Address by a Chattanooga Psychiatrist and was followed, on Saturday, by an excellent panel discussion featuring five professionals in the areas of education, planning and social work who focused on understanding youth as individuals, family members, students, consumers and as leaders. Five Association youth, in turn, responded and critiqued the comments of the panelists.

Following a delicious lunch, the Association honored Conference Minister W.J. Andes who will be retiring this coming spring. After a worship service and the celebration of communion, the meeting was adjourned.

Audio-Visuals Enliven Christian Education

Does your church's Christian Education program have a case of the "blahs"? One way to enliven it is through the use of audio-visuals. Films, filmstrips, records and cassettes can not only deepen the content of your teaching, but they are a way of educating to which people readily respond. The enclosed "Audio-Visual Resources" (pages 3 and 4) make a low cost audio-visual program possible. Why not use them!

N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

On October 28th, for the second year in a row, a number of retired missionaries who now reside in Pleasant Hill, TN, journeyed to Knoxville Church of the Savior, UCC, to share and celebrate their experiences. Included in the visitors were Dr. and Mrs. Richard Braun, who recently returned from a tour of duty in Africa.

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Rev. Randy Gehres, his wife, Grace, and daughter, Annaliese, will be moving December 1 to Pioneer Parish, Monroe County, Ohio to serve the Clarington and Hannibel, UCC churches. Rev. Gehres has been pastor of Deer Lodge, TN, Congregational UCC Church. Our best wishes to the Gehres' in their new parish setting.

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Atlanta Central UCC evaluated their fall Country Fair Bazaar to be "a resounding success." The event raised in excess of \$5,000.

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Mr. Gordon Gill, member of First E&R, UCC, Nashville, TN, recently attended the Annual Meeting of the Board for Homeland Ministries in Boston. Mr. Gill was elected to the Board this past summer.

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Pleasant Hill, TN, Community Church, through the Blanche Wu Fund, is helping persons without high school diplomas to be certified for graduation from high school. The Fund provides dictionaries on loan and will continue to serve subsequent classes without charge.

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Mr. George Percival and Mrs. Freda Brown of the Southeast Conference will attend the Annual Meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries to be

held in Denver, November 11-14, 1979.

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Barbara and Ken Manning, members of Birmingham Pilgrim UCC, have arrived safely in Zaria, Nigeria where Ken will be teaching law as part of a mission project at the Institute of Administration in Zaria.

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The Rev. Thomas M. Schroeder, former student pastor at Chattanooga Pilgrim UCC, was ordained to the Christian Ministry on October 21 at Zion UCC in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Dr. David Beebe, pastor of Chattanooga Pilgrim, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Schroeder plans to be married to Beverly Luedeke on November 24.

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Held on October 20 at Noon Day Church, the Annual Meeting of the East Alabama Association elected the following officers: Rev. John D. Schofield, Moderator; Rev. Joe French, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Florence Dollar, Secretary; Mr. Donald Harmon, Treasurer; and Mr. Ross McCormack, Asst. Treasurer.

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Ann Scott, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Scott, was married on September 4 to Billy Joe Price of Lawrenceville. Rev. Scott is pastor of Atlanta Central UCC.

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The Pulpit Committee of Belvidere, TN, UCC reports that the Rev. John F. Schaeffer, Jr. has accepted the call to become the church's new minister. Rev. Schaeffer will arrive the first part of November and will be accompanied by his wife, Audrey and daughter, Ginny Lee.

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